(c) what action has been taken by Government on the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMEMNT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) No, Sir, we have no such general report.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

Adult Education Programme in Delhi

1465. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adult Education Programme in Delhi is suffering due to bureaucratic apathy causing prolonged delays in releasing allocated funds and supply of basic teaching and learning equipment to the concerned Department of Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are proposed to be taken to make the programme effective?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Nevertheless, steps are being taken by Delhi Administration to further streamline the procedure.

Change in the Admission system of Nursery School Children

1466. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the admission system of nursery school children so that they are not subjected to traumatic admission tests; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The NCERT has been strongly advocating the need to change the system of admission to nursery schools so that the children are not subjected to the trauma of admission tests. The NCERT has been regularly organising seminars at different places to create public awareness in this context. The Programme of Action (1992) for implementation of NPE also calls for discouraging entrance tests for admission at pre-primary level. Necessary action in this regard is to be taken by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations in accordance with their rules and regulations. In Delhi the Directorate of Education modified its admission system in 1991 to computerized random selection. A few leading schools of Delhi and some schools in other cities also have since adopted alternative methods like randomized selection, selection throug comprhensive proformae and quota-based randomized selection.

Organisations promoting Gandhian Ideals

1467. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the organisations/institutions engaged in promoting Gandhian ideals and upliftment of the depressed classes;

(b) what is the annual central grant, if any given to these organisations/institutions;

(c) whether Government have assessed the working of these organisations/institutions to know how far they have been able to achieve the goal;

(d) if so, what are the details